

Correspondence and Postal Reports.

SPIRITUAL JOTTINGS.

July 30th, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—We are much encouraged at the prospects for the future of our church. Our prayer meetings have been growing in interest and numbers during the hot weather. This is unusual in the city, and is an evidence of the increase of the Holy Spirit among us. We will organize another society in ten days. It will be in all probability a King's Children Society. We have at the present time a very successful Christian Endeavor Society and a Woman's Benevolent Society with nearly \$100 in the treas., which is good for these hard times. We expect our new society not to interfere with any already organized, but add to these and also supply a deficiency.

On Monday night our junior choir meets in the church to practice, and until lately every two weeks on Tuesday nights we have had a literary society; it has ceased for the two summer months; on Wednesday nights prayer meeting, usually the best meeting of the week. On Tuesday nights the senior choir meets, and every four weeks the Woman's Society meets on Saturday night, besides on Tuesday nights a number of us have a fusion with the German Baptist Brethren, a cottage prayer meeting; I am booked to lead Tuesday night. We get along splendidly. Besides on Sunday we have four meetings. Sunday school, morning preaching, Christian Endeavor and evening preaching. I usually go to missions in different parts of the city, about one night a week, often preach for them. Hence we are not idle.

Several of the missions have leaders who believe in trine immersion and feet washing; they preach and practice it; there is a strong probability of getting several of these missions converted to full Gospel alone faith. These missions are the best advertising means we have.

Last Sunday morning two more publicly confessed Christ. Others are counting the cost. We are learning daily to depend more upon the Lord. We need more talent, a better educated ministry, but we as a church need abundantly above all things else thoroughly consecrated ministers. My daily prayer is, that as a little child I may come to the feet of Jesus throw my heart wide open and be absolutely submissive to his will. "He that hungereth and thirsteth after righteousness shall be filled." "If thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hidden treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." Prov. iii, 5. May the Lord help us all to be unselfish, impartial, and have an

appetite for the clear and unadulterated word. We don't want less church, that means less Christ, because the church is built upon Christ. We want more spirit, purer doctrine, purer church. It is not less doctrine and less church, but all the doctrine and all the church taught in the Gospel and all the Spirit. We need no less doctrine as a church but rather more, but what we do need is a hundred fold more of the Spirit. We need no less doctrine, doctrine properly obeyed increases the Spirit, when improperly obeyed produces death and condemnation. To sacrifice doctrine to increase the Spirit is the spirit of Satan and not of God. It is popular to-day to reject the only mode of Christian baptism, throw away feet washing, the most clearly revealed of all the ordinances, also the Lord's supper, and pervert the communion, and then to talk about the Holy Ghost's power and how they are sanctified. If this is the Holy Spirit it guides away from all truth instead of in the way of all truth. Be not deceived, the Holy Spirit if we follow it, will influence us to obey every ordinance as well as all other commandments from the least to the greatest. Let us carefully try the spirits by the word of God and follow that spirit that will not lead one hairs breadth from any of the commandments of Jesus, and only Jesus.

Pray earnestly for me and for our church here in Philadelphia. We need your prayers.

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QUARTERLY REPORT.

Inasmuch as the New Enterprise monthly report sent by Sister Mildred Buck gave particulars concerning the communion there I have little to say save this, that any pastor can feel proud of a membership which is so punctual on communion occasions almost to the member. We have no occasion for councils, no bickerings nor jarrings, but all peace and union. On a Gospel basis the same can be said of the Fredricksburg brethren.

Our communion service was as well attended as could be under the circumstances. The heavy rain prevented those living at a distance from coming, we held a few meetings preparatory to communion. Baptized one and received one by letter. The fields that I am working east this year; viz.: Fredricksburg and New Enterprise are not promising so far as material for an ingathering is concerned, as there are very few people in the field but what are identified with some branch of the Christian church. Our field of labor extends into Armstrong Co., and we hope to take in a few members in the near future.

Our first quarter ended July 1st. Preached on entire field, forty-nine sermons in our own church houses, except one which I delivered in the Presbyterian church at Water Side, Pa. Traveled on rail to do this work

1,800 miles, and 252 miles by private conveyance; visited most all the families by private conveyance, which is not included in the above.

At our last meeting at Fredricksburg, July 14th and 15th, I met Sister Mowag of Berlin, Pa., daughter of our much esteemed Brother H. R. Holsinger.

Sister Mowag was paying her last visit to her grandmother Holsinger who departed this life on the morning of July 15th. Brother H. R. you are like many more now an orphan, and can say, "she's gone from me to heaven, I have no mother now."

I can't for the life of me see why Pennsylvania can't have an evangelist, surely, surely, it is not poverty brethren? "Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."

More again,

E. H. SMITH.

POSTAL REPORT.

LEON, IOWA, July 23rd, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—It has been some time since we have reported the progress in this place, but we have not been idle.

June 10th was Brother Thomas' regular time at this place but on account of sickness in his family, he was not present. But we were not disappointed entirely for Brother William Field took the lead Sunday morning and we were very profitably entertained. Two weeks from that date was Sister Flora's day again, and she preached three very good sermons.

July 22nd was Brother Thomas' day again and, assisted by the Brethren here, and our ever present Helper, we had a very enjoyable season. We would like to see the reporters of church work more prompt in reporting their progress. It encourages isolated members and increases the confidence of all our members in the ability of our organization to cope with the adversary's forces. Asking the prayers of all God's people for the advancement of his cause in this place as well as elsewhere. We close.

M. P. GARBER.

A SUNDAY MORNING LESSON.

AKRON, IND., July 29th, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Absent from Sunday school, and while my husband and little girls are away, I have sat down to study some truths (having already gone over the Sunday school lesson.) I desired to meditate on some other things. Waiting to see some glory revealed or presented, I picked up the EVANGELIST and soon the chapter was named.

"Notes and Comments" said: "Read the fifteenth chapter of John and perhaps you will discover some truths that you have not been thinking of lately."

I wondered what truth there was for me in that chapter. As the promised comfort, consolation and mutual

love between Christ and his members always have been my choice Scriptures, I laid down the paper, and having taken my Bible, read the full chapter. It is full of the spirit of truth. But the eleventh verse is where my thoughts grew anxious and tried to apply the discovery to the present.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. Now there is "joy" spoken of. "My joy" and "your joy" Christ's joy and our joy. We sometimes become over anxious about these truths, and try to make them apply to our life now. Because of the babe's joy, Mary's soul magnified the Lord and her spirit rejoiced in God her Savior. Because of Christ's joy we may, can and do rejoice. But when shall we expect that our joy might be full? "Continue," "abide," "remain," mean something. "Except ye abide in me" denotes time. But, again; when shall ye expect these things.

"Ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." When?

Many such promises "Shall" confirms our hope. Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner "as ye have seen him go into heaven."

So James tells us of things that "shall" be. James v, 15, are three blessed promises "shall."

Now, brethren, when? Will some one please answer.

But please pardon me. I am running away from my text—"Joy."

A vine has its time putting forth its branches. The husbandman has his hour—he purgeth it. Then comes a season of bearing and gathering. Brethren, be of good cheer, joy cometh in the morning.

DEAR EVANGELIST, I thank you for the lesson I have had; and here is a part of it for you.

But the Editor will please put this where it belongs—in the Children's Department, or in the waste basket—just where it belongs.

Yours in love,

MRS. LAURA A. KARN.

FROM VERNALIS, CAL.

We have a Sunday school in what is known as the Rising Sun school house. Sister H. E. Beer (my wife) is superintendent, and your correspondent is secretary. We usually meet at 11 o'clock A. M., to accommodate those who have a long way to come. We use the Brethren Quarterlies, and are highly pleased with them. We have a fair attendance, as a rule, and a number of the youths of this vicinity are members of the Brethren church.

Our brother J. P. Wolfe, of Lathrop, accompanied by his daughter, Sister Rua, were with us last Sunday, July 29th. At the close of the Sunday school services, he gave us an encouraging talk, after which he preached an impressive sermon from